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1. [] George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called and expressed interest in the press articles which passed on reports by Representatives McCloskey and Waldie that the Agency had attempted to recruit an engineer in California for work as a "mercenary" in Laos. I told Murphy this article was absurd on the face of it. He said he had given no credence to it, but Captain Bauser, of the Committee staff, had expressed interest in the story since the man in question was a former AEC employee and the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory was mentioned.

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2. [] Richard Perle, Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations staff, called and asked if we could give him a briefing tomorrow afternoon on the "Cuban refugee" situation. I told Perle I would check with our people on this, but it was quite possible that this briefing could best be given by the Cuban Coordinator in the State Department. Perle added that he came to us because this was an entirely new field to him and he placed a high degree of reliance on the accuracy of information which he gets from the Agency. I told him I would be back in touch with him.

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3. [] John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called to say present indications are that the secret Senate debate on Laos may take place early next week, and he would like our material by close of business tomorrow (Thursday, 30 September). After checking with FE Division, I told him this was all on the tracks.

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4. [] Talked to Mildred Ward, Secretary to Senator Stennis, who said the Senator would see the Director and [] at 10:30 on Friday, 1 October, in the Senator's office (205 Old Senate Office Building).

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Later in the day I called Miss Ward to say that [] and I would be accompanying the Director and the Minister and to suggest that since we had been working with John Goldsmith, of the Committee staff, in connection with the subject which the Senator and the Minister would be discussing, the Senator might want to include Goldsmith in the meeting. She said she would discuss this with the Senator.

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